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## Concern over draft shoreline bylaw

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Residents concerned and interested in a shoreline protection draft bylaw, many of them associated with the building industry or lakefront property owners, filled the visitors' gallery at county council for a discussion of the bylaw at a meeting of county council on Feb. 12.

The goals and objectives of the enhanced bylaw include ensuring no further loss of natural shorelines, increasing the proportion of natural/native vegetative cover, and working toward a goal of 75 per cent natural/native vegetative cover overall for better lake health.

The proposed new protections include the protection of natural shoreline vegetation, regulating site alteration and regulating cleaning and clearing of land, combined with the continued protection of trees.

In her report to council, county director of planning Charley White said the planning

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### Frost Fest for the win

Coen Root, left, and sister Henley watch as Youth Unlimited volunteer Chris Weir makes a save during a game of broomball at the Frost Festival on Saturday, Feb. 15 in Head Lake Park in Haliburton. The event offered horse-drawn wagon rides, pony rides, an open fire to warm up and make s'mores, snowshoeing, dogsledding and the Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge. See more on page 4. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Highlands East council plans to restrict fireworks

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Highlands East has moved closer to restricting fireworks use to set holidays.

After much discussion and a

recorded 3-2 vote, councillors chose from three options presented by acting fire chief Chris Baughman, voting to restrict the use of consumer fireworks to holidays, which includes the weekend preceding the holiday, and the weekend after Canada

Day.

The issue of fireworks use has long been a challenge for councillors, some who told Baughman when he brought the issue to council on Sept. 10 last year that residents had contacted them with environmental and

noise concerns numerous times over the years.

Baughman had approached council at that time after a letter from residents on Koshlong Lake asked that Highlands East

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# Public consultation to gather more perspectives on draft bylaw

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department had been directed by council to create the draft bylaw not just to protect the trees on the shoreline, but to line up with the county and municipal official plans "to protect lake quality and quantity of water, as well as the environment, wetland areas," and a number of areas deemed by the province to be of natural and scientific interest.

As part of the planning process White had approached the four lower-tier councils throughout the county in spring 2019 for support of the draft bylaw, and the county's planning department had sought public input on the content and scope of the proposed bylaw through an online survey that garnered hundreds of comments. Based in part on the wide variety of comments received, White and the planning department team drafted the bylaw, which had undergone legal review.

"What we tried to do when crafting the language of the bylaw, is come into the middle," she said. "And maybe that's not where council wants to direct us to continue, but that's what this conversation and process is really for."

She noted she was seeking direction from council on next steps, including further public consultation and said that points within the draft bylaw were open to discussion.

The draft bylaw states that the minimum required setback for new development is 30 metres "measured over a horizontal distance inland from the high water mark of a body of water," which White clarified does not apply to existing development legally permitted at the time of building or establishment, including trailer parks, noting that in some cases moving established infrastructure can result in more environmental damage to the shoreline.

Councillors with their own questions as well as questions submitted to them from their constituents asked for stipulations on points throughout the draft bylaw. Councillor Patrick Kennedy asked if real estate signs would be included in restrictions to signs on public or private shoreline in a "public nuisances" section of the draft, with White explaining the signs had to be posted with permission from the owner, and could not be fastened to a live tree.

Regarding a "noise, vibration, odour and dust," section that restricts an "excessive amount of smoke, dust or airborne particulate matter," White said it didn't relate to fire pits or barbecues and was more speaking to revving of watercraft engines at the shoreline, noting details were open to discussion when Kennedy said that wasn't clear in the bylaw.

In a section about site alteration, the removal of fill or placement of fill on the land within the shoreline area, White said a permit process would be enacted.

"This is where that permit process would come in," she said. "We're not saying you can't do it, what we're saying is you can do it with certain proper development and design guidelines."

"I'm reading this that if we want to put a pathway in, we're going to need to do an environmental impact study," said Councillor Cec Ryall, suggesting that some of the points in the draft bylaw would cause "delays beyond reasonable intelligence."

"There is a list of exemptions that are built into the bylaw," said White. "So that what you're talking about, bringing a path down ... no, absolutely not, you're not going to need an environmental assessment study. That would be, as you say, onerous and time consuming. So it's reasonable development versus site alteration and what is an actual impact. Is there a potential for negative impact, that's when we would get into the need for a permit. Not, I have a garden, I'm going to add some topsoil to my garden. That's exempted. If you're looking to do a whole clearing of the shoreline and the trees, and changing your slope and grade and you're adding beach, that requires a permit. But a pathway so you and your family can go down to your dock, that doesn't require a permit. And that is outlined in the bylaw."



Residents concerned about and interested in a draft shoreline preservation bylaw attended a county council meeting held Feb. 12 to hear discussion around the first draft. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

White said other exemptions include work by surveyors, hydro workers, and legislative exemptions.

Kennedy said he has had it explained to him that in terms of days that are suitable for work such as construction, there are only about 150 days in the year, and that any sort of misinformed complaints regarding compliance with the bylaw, delay in turnaround time for staff to carry out inspections, or other unexpected encumbrances could greatly affect work projects. White said that was an important part of the conversation, to determine how the bylaw could best be enforced in an efficient manner.

Councillors raised concerns about possible additional staff to help enforce the bylaw, and the cost of their office space, vehicles, etc. as well as the reality of enforcing some parts of the bylaw itself.

"To me, parts of this seem very similar to our fireworks bylaw, it's really nice to have it in theory, but impossible to enforce," said Councillor Carol Moffatt.

Ryall said he believed in keeping the lakes clean, but was concerned about stifling an industry.

"We have to have a balance of good intentions for the future of the community that would allow ... work to continue and people to be employed," said Moffatt.

White said previous direction from council was to try to have a bylaw in place for the summer but that she was concerned that would not happen if public consultation included a suggested summer public meeting.

Councillor Brent Devolin said it was necessary to "take the appropriate amount of time to do the consultation," a statement repeatedly made by councillors throughout the discussion.

Councillors noted the topic was a contentious one, for which they'd received much feedback from constituents this week by phone and email when the draft bylaw was made publicly available.

"I've had some feedback already on the proposed bylaw and it's, the comments are a world apart," said Daniels.

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations board chairman Paul MacInnes, who was in attendance at last week's meeting, has advocated for the creation of a county-wide shoreline protection bylaw mandating naturalized shorelines, and presented a detailed report to council last spring stressing the benefits of natural shorelines.

"The lakes are the foundation of Haliburton County," MacInnes said at that time, noting that everything the community is built on – cottaging, tourism, real estate, its jobs – is ultimately tied to its nearly 600 lakes. He said water quality in any lake with less than 75 per cent natural shoreline was decreasing and that throughout Haliburton County, just 48 per cent of the shoreline is natural and that it's critical to protect what is left.

He said he thought there might be "lots of misconcep-

tions" about what the draft bylaw affects.

Keith Thomas, president of Francis Thomas Contracting Company Ltd. and president of the Haliburton County Home Builders Association, told the *Echo* that HCHBA members attended the meeting to "show the seriousness of the proposed bylaw." "While the health of our lakes is vital to the economic well-being of the county, the impact this may have on the construction/landscaping industries needs to be seriously considered," he wrote in an email.

"The concern with the draft, as with many things in life, is the fear of the unknown," he said. "As the draft covers a broad spectrum of activities that would be limited within the defined shoreline, potential impacts could range from the loss of jobs to considerable fluctuations in realty markets."

Aggie Tose, executive officer of HCHBA, told the *Echo* "...we all care for the environment and lake quality in Haliburton County. We live here, fish here, work here, employ here and so do our kids. We also care for the economic value of our towns, properties and businesses."

She said she felt that stakeholders hadn't been consulted about the creation of the original draft bylaw, and that the survey used to draft the bylaw had too few respondents. "The survey itself says that it had 765 total visits with 157 engaged visitors," said Tose. "The Haliburton County census from 2016 shows 18,062 residents. That means approximately four per cent of Haliburton County was consulted. This is concerning because cottagers drive the economy in Haliburton County. Cottagers will not buy, build or renovate if government continues to add layers of red tape."

White was asked to return to council with options for proposed public consultation that would take into consideration the timing and locations of any sort of public meeting so that as many agents and seasonal residents could attend.

"We want to have enough nets to capture as much as possible so that as has been expressed, the feeling that this has kind of been done in the dark behind everyone's backs, it hasn't," said Moffatt.

Tose said she felt relieved that public consultation might offer the opportunity for HCHBA members to further discuss the draft bylaw, and said she believed "that our numbers showed council that they need to take more time."

"We appreciate the declaration of [county council] to make this right the first time," said Tose. "We are committed to working together to see the best outcome for all concerned."

"While with every bylaw we understand that it is impossible to please everyone, but we are optimistic that a bylaw can be drafted such that industry and growth does not suffer," said Thomas.

**Cottagers will not buy, build or renovate if government continues to add layers of red tape.**

— Aggie Tose  
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Michael LeBlanc, left, shakes the hand of Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation chairman Peter Oyler after learning he's won \$20,000 in the Foundation's Cash for Care lottery. LeBlanc is the cook at HHHS. /JENN WATT Staff

## State of the art equipment at heart of campaign

JENN WATT

Editor

New equipment at both the Minden and Haliburton sites of Haliburton Highlands Health Services is helping health professionals more easily take care of patients.

On Feb. 14, a day dedicated to the heart, members of the HHHS Foundation and the media were invited to see the new cardiac telemetry and cardiographs in the emergency department and acute care at the Haliburton hospital, paid for through donations from the public.

"It's really state of the art and it's really nice in a smaller facility to have equipment like that, that we can use that gives us the best patient care that we can [offer]," said Karen Harris, a registered nurse at HHHS.

Central monitors at the nurse's station show readings from all the patients at once and include interactive displays that allow for better monitoring.

"What you see here is all our different monitors that are at the various bedsides all consolidated into one screen. So for each of these patients they have a monitor at the bedside so you can also [have] all the same functionality, really," said Dr. Diane Duff, chief nurse executive and VP clinical services.

Portable telemetry units allow the patients to move around while they're being monitored and assist health professionals in understanding how the patient's daily activities affect their heart.

Dr. Duff said the new equipment came at just the right moment. Days before it was to be installed, the old system began making a grinding noise, which got louder and noisier as time progressed.

"Before [the new equipment] we used to have just the cardiac monitors in a couple of our rooms and so if we had people that had to be monitored, then we had to switch around beds to make sure that the patients were

being monitored, whereas now, any of the beds anywhere on our unit can do cardiac monitoring. So this is such a versatile system," she said.

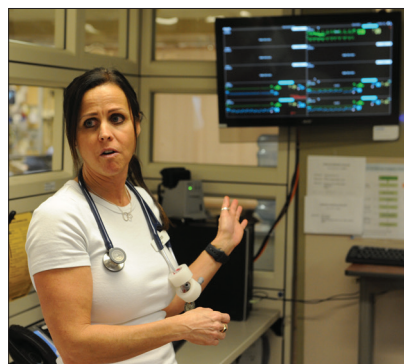
The HHHS Foundation raised \$525,000 for the cardiac telemetry equipment, which has been installed at the Minden and Haliburton emergency departments and in the acute department. An additional \$45,000 was raised for the cardiographs, which are available at both the Minden and Haliburton emergency departments.

In addition to the tour, on Friday the HHHS Foundation held their final three draws in their annual Cash for Care lottery with one lucky winner on-site to hear his name called out.

Michael LeBlanc, the cook at HHHS, was in the lobby of the Haliburton site watching the tickets being drawn when his was pulled from the drum for the \$20,000 prize.

LeBlanc has worked for HHHS for five years and said he buys tickets each year. He said winning felt very nice, but was unable to answer more interview questions as he said he needed to go serve lunch.

The \$1,000 winner was Doris Pierson of Eagle Lake and the \$2,000 prize went to George Milne of Oshawa.



RN Karen Harris shows a group the new central monitoring system in the nurse's station at the Haliburton emergency department on Feb. 14. /JENN WATT Staff

## Eight dogs removed from Minden property

The provincial Ministry of Solicitor General confirmed on Thursday, Feb. 13 that eight dogs have been removed from a property in Minden.

A spokesperson for the ministry said the removal was "as a result of the owner not complying with orders related to standards of care" and that the dogs are now at the Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes in Lindsay.

Authorities have been actively investigating an allegation of animal neglect in Minden Hills. On Jan. 22, OPP officers attended a property on County Road 121 in Minden Hills responding to a call involving 14 hunting dogs. Animal welfare inspectors appointed by the Provincial Animal Welfare Services, or PAWS, were called in.

In an update to the *Haliburton Echo* last week, the Ministry of Solicitor General spokesperson said an investigation was underway at two properties in Minden with inspectors responding to both properties and a veterinarian called to assist.

Asked by the *Echo* for additional details about the two properties (since the original information had only specified a single property) and about the other dogs (as the original information had said 14 dogs), the ministry spokesperson said it would be inappropriate to provide specific details, as it was an active investigation.

## HSAD to raise Pride flag

Fleming College's Haliburton School of Art + Design will raise the Pride flag for the first time on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. The college has invited the community to join Fleming's president Maureen Adamson and the staff and students for the ceremony.

"The flag will signify to new and returning students, staff, alumni and community members that Fleming is committed to celebrating diversity and inclusion," a press release from HSAD reads.

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## EMBRACING THE CHILL

The sun was shining on this year's Frost Festival in Head Lake Park in Haliburton on Saturday, Feb. 15. The event included horse-drawn wagon rides, snowshoeing, dogsledding and the community favourite: the Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge, raising money for Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and the Hospital for Sick Children's Garron Family Cancer Centre. At press time, more than \$7,300 had been raised from the event.

Prizes in the polar bear challenge: Best individual costume went to Andrew Flowers, best team costume to the Wake Up Team, top team pledges – Team Phoenix with \$600 to SickKids, and best individual fundraisers – William Burke with \$602 for HHHSF and Lions Club district governor Debbie Dawson with \$4,100 for SickKids.

Clockwise from top left: Alexis Feero runs in snowshoes during Frost Fest; Team Phoenix charges into the water during the Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge; a dogsled team from Winterdance Dogsled Tours provided rides around the park; the Rotary Club of Haliburton was busy keeping the crowds fed with hotdogs; Vivere Allen, 2, of West Guilford takes a bite from a s'more held by her father, Todd; (middle image) Brian Manthenga, originally from Zimbabwe, was visiting his in-laws, the Brezina family, and decided he'd take a dip in the frigid water of Head Lake during the Polar Bear Challenge.

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## Youth homelessness

FOR THE SECOND YEAR, local affordable housing charity Places for People is holding its Sleeping in Cars fundraiser and awareness-raising event in three of the county's villages. On March 27, participants in Haliburton, Wilberforce and Minden will gather around the bonfire together, maybe enjoying a Thermos of hot chocolate, sharing a story or two as the sun sets and the cool air of the Highlands in early spring gets colder.

Then, those same brave folk will say their goodnights and retreat to their cars and SUVs, arranging their sleeping mats, blankets and pillows as best they can to conserve body heat and make the hard surface of the vehicle's interior comfortable enough to catch a few Z's.

If they need to use the washroom, they can make the chilly jaunt to the municipal facilities, which for this event will be left open. The next morning, they'll reunite over a warm breakfast and debrief about the experience.

Although it's a fundraiser, Sleeping in Cars is more about spreading the word about homelessness and this year will be focused on youth homelessness.

In rural areas such as the Haliburton Highlands, the problem can be hidden from public view, as teenagers couch surf at their friends' parents' houses, bouncing from one place to another because the situation at home is no longer viable.

During the 2018 Registry Week, a homelessness survey conducted over a one-week period in Haliburton County and City of Kawartha Lakes, of the 60 individuals and 15 families who identified as being

homeless, 16 were between the ages of 16 and 24 (10 of the 16 were in Haliburton County) and couch surfing was identified by more than half of the youth as being where they sleep most often.

(The survey is considered a snapshot of homelessness during a short period of time and is thought to under-represent the full scale of the problem.)

Reasons behind homelessness are complicated, but can be exacerbated when the young person is part of a marginalized group.

Covenant House Toronto says nationally, half of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ, 30 per cent as Indigenous and 28 per cent as part of a racialized community. Mental health issues are another major obstacle for homeless young people with a national survey finding as many as 85 per cent "have experienced a mental health crisis and 42 per cent reported at least one suicide attempt."

And as we heard earlier this month at the opening ceremony of the new Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub, barriers to getting good care for mental health are many when you're living far from specialists, with no public transportation and spotty access to an internet connection.

The Sleeping in Cars fundraiser next month seeks to open a dialogue about how we can help young people who don't have a consistent, safe place to call home.

Thank you to the organizers of this event and those hardy participants, whose actions will bring needed attention to the reality of homelessness that too many face in our community.



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## Editorial



Sunset road

by Darren Lum

## The heart of downtown Haliburton

EACH YEAR the Downtown Haliburton BIA celebrates the past year, and shares the plans for the current year, at our annual general meeting. This is an exciting time to thank our promotion and event partners who made our 2019 so successful, and to ask for their continued assistance and support in 2020.

Andrea Mueller, the Municipality of Dysart et al recreation director is instrumental in organizing Colourfest, and we are thankful for all her time and talents to make this family-friendly community event a success year after year.

We must also extend our sincere thanks to David Zilstra and his team from the *Echo* for their efforts in making Midnight Madness a fun night for everyone to kick off the civic long weekend in August. People have been visiting and enjoying this event for years and we are proud to partner with the *Echo* and help to make this event an annual fun night for all.

And then there's Jim Frost and the Haliburton Lions Club who year after year organize the Santa Claus Parade so that everyone can begin the holiday season in downtown Haliburton. It is such a thrill to see the children's faces as Santa Claus gives a hearty ho-ho-ho from his sleigh. To have three marching bands in our Santa Claus Parade takes a huge community commitment, and we are very grateful to everyone who donates to make this happen.

A sincere thank you to all of our 123 Downtown Haliburton BIA member businesses. You welcome our guests with great courtesy and warmth. We are proud of the diversity of our membership and that they provide

services to everyone in our village and county. Please visit our website at [downtownhaliburton.ca](http://downtownhaliburton.ca) for a full list of our retail, hospitality and professional service providers. Please be reminded that these businesses are the heart of this community. They are the employers to hundreds of people, they donate to local charity fundraisers, and they sponsor our sports teams. Remember to shop local and use local professional service providers to ensure that downtown Haliburton continues to grow and stay vibrant.

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123 members of Downtown Haliburton. Luke Schell, Haliburton Framing and Photo, is the board chairperson. David Zilstra, the Haliburton County Echo, is the board vice-chairperson. Nelly Ashworth, BMO, is the treasurer, and Sharon Rowden, Touch of Class, is the secretary. Councillor Nancy Wood-Roberts is the municipal appointee and the members-at-large are Brad Park of Haliburton Foodland, Renzo Rosati of Moose FM, Brandon Nimigon of Century 21, and Clay Glecoff of Glecoff Family Store. Each of these volunteers attends monthly board of management meetings the last Tuesday of every month and committee meetings as necessary.

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# points of view

## A ruff night

**W**E LIVE with an old Labrador retriever. Our best guess is that Millie is 11 years old. It's our best guest because we can't quite remember and Millie refuses to divulge her age. Regardless, she is one of those sage old dogs who has clearly learned a few things over the years. Among them: if you do a little dance in your crate at night that rattles the cage, Dad will get up quickly and rush downstairs to let you outside. That is to say, Millie has learned she only needs to bark for assistance as a last resort. Most times she just indicates she's restless and I come running.

Did I mention Millie is a good trainer too?

Millie sleeps in her crate at night because she prefers to, by the way. She puts herself to bed in it promptly at 9:30 every night. Then she settles into her own duvet for a long night's sleep – unless nature calls.

Normally, I'm pretty good at hearing Millie's little tap dance in her crate and Jenn is not. That's because Jenn is a sound sleeper. OK, "sound" might not actually convey it. It's probably more accurate to say that she could sleep through a bagpipe tuning seminar.

Saturday night was different though.

I woke up to the rattling of Millie's crate and immediately sprung into action.

I ran downstairs and went directly to Millie's crate to let her out. The only way I could do it any faster is if Jenn finally allowed me to get that fire pole.

Nevertheless, when I got there

seconds later, the crate was already open and, ominously, I heard the front door slam.

Several scenarios immediately ran through my bleary mind. The first was that Millie had finally learned how to open the door of the crate and our front door, so I would never have to run downstairs at two in the morning again.

The second was that someone had broke in and kidnapped our old dog. So, naturally, I began throwing on clothes and winter boots to get outside and chase down the dognapper – or very likely dognappers – so that I could enact a dramatic rescue of Millie before they even penned the ransom note.

I know that both of these were far fetched scenarios but they were still, in my mind at least, far more probable than what actually happened.

You see, when I looked out the front window to get a lay of the land, instead of seeing a heartless gang of dog-nappers trying to force Millie into an unmarked van, I saw Jenn, in her pyjamas, boots and parka with Millie on the front lawn.

That's when it struck me. They were kidnapping Jenn too!

Now I was mad!

I mean kidnapping Millie was certainly annoying, but I figured if I just held off paying the ransom for a week they would eventually tire of being roused from a good night's sleep in the wee hours of every morning, and I would be in a great bargaining position. Heck, they might even pay me.

But Jenn? I would not stand for that, especially since I don't get paid till the end of the month.

I had just opened the door to race outside and become the hero I was meant to be, when Jenn called Millie and they both walked back.

When they got in, Jenn said, "I heard Millie getting restless in her crate and I beat you to it."

Then we both stood there and took the momentousness of the occasion in.

That's when I think we both realized, if this keeps up, I'll get that fire pole.



steve  
galea

## Loon Tales



## pic of the past

Jan Pedersen is looking for anyone who might be able to identify the year this photo was taken, which features her dad, Jim Duncan, on the right wearing a Uniroyal jacket at a Terry Fox Run in Haliburton. It was possibly published between 1981 and 1987. "This summer is the 40th anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope run," she wrote to the *Echo*. "My parents used to own a cottage in Haliburton (1970- 1990) so my father would enter the Terry Fox run in town. I'm trying to date this for my 92-year-old dad; we are wondering if it was the first run following Terry's death. Maybe one of your readers will recognize another runner in the photo. Worth a try. Thanks for your help." Jan can be reached at 905-990-1348.

## letters to the editor

# Teachers' investment

To the Editor,

My sincere thanks to you, for publishing my letter in January in its entirety. I have received numerous positive comments and feedback, which I have included in the points below.

Please consider:

1. Senior citizens, especially those who live on a fixed income, with no superannuated pension, never get a raise – much less 14 per cent. Yet it is on their backs that this province has grown and flourished. "Stay-at-home" moms from the '50s and '60s are particularly vulnerable. The 14 per cent retroactive salary raise (not to mention the "bonuses" for "performance related to efficiencies") comes out of our hard-earned tax dollars. Where is the fairness in that equation?

2. The cost of living currently stands at 2.2 per cent. How is anyone meant to make ends meet with a one per cent or zero per cent raise in income?

3. Most teachers are also parents. Frequently, teachers are employed by boards of education at a considerable distance from where they and their children live and attend school. This means that teachers must also make alternate arrangements for their own children, when there is a job action in place. To suggest that teachers' job actions are purposely punitive to parents is ludicrous. They are standing up for parents' and students' rights to expect a quality education . . . and they do not get paid while doing so. Teachers are out of pocket on everyone's behalf.

4. Currently, Ontario teachers are the most highly qualified in the history of education in Ontario. They hold a minimum of two degrees, and often have a master of education degree as well. These qualifications required time, dedication, a huge personal financial outlay, and a passion for the profession of teaching. New teachers must undergo a minimum of two years of probationary "supply teaching," to provide a wide variety of classroom experience, before being able to apply for a permanent position.

Not only must teachers deliver a rigorous curriculum, they must also be able to discern individual needs for support, whether they be academic, physical, psychological, emotional, familial, cultural and so on. Teachers often provide classroom supplies, clothing and food for their students from their own

pockets.

Teachers, modelling life-long learning, continue to upgrade their skills and qualifications (at their own considerable expense), while balancing the daily demands of their jobs with extra-curricular activities (*no bonuses* for time and skills volunteered), and their own family lives. Teachers provide stability, compassion, inspiration and human connectedness in this complex, overwhelming world in which we live. Computers, while a useful tool, cannot provide the context in which a well-rounded education must be delivered. Students are not commodities to be efficiently managed.

Last month, a former student of mine was murdered in Scarborough, leaving his school at the end of an exam. He was a lovely, gentle young man, a 15-year-old innocent victim of a senseless act of violence. The person charged in the death was also 15. Safiullah's family fled terrifying conditions of violence, and came to Canada for security, for an opportunity for an excellent education, a better life and the chance to be a productive member of society.

Daily in the news, we see the escalation of violent crimes perpetrated on and by young people. The suicide rate, particularly amongst the teenage population is also on the rise. Kids need to be "seen," "heard" and "understood," in order to feel safe, and therefore be able to move forward and succeed. Despite what now appears to be a growing occupational hazard, teachers continue to show up and invest in their students. These same students who will go on to be the service people in trades and professions on which we will all come to depend, very heavily, in our senior years. To not invest in education and those who deliver it is folly – for now, and for future generations.

And so, the question begs to be asked of our current political leaders: What rigorous training and personally costly upgrades have you pursued, to qualify you for the decisions you are now making? Would you consider spending a full week in a classroom (not just a one-hour photo-op) to really understand and determine what is needed for the optimum education of our students? Are you a success today because a teacher invested in you? If so, then please pay it forward!

Cheryl Cohoon  
Haliburton



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# Highlands East passes 2020 budget

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

*The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Feb. 11 regular meeting of Highlands East council.*

Highlands East council passed the 2020 budget on Feb. 11 with a 3.81 per cent municipal tax rate increase and total tax rate increase of 1.61 per cent, a tax dollar increase of \$13.69 on \$100,000 assessment.

Highlands East CAO Shannon Hunter had said during the draft budget process that items earmarked for the budget were included for health and safety reasons or were items that have been identified by staff as having a need to be addressed in the current year.

Allocations to the building department renovations were removed from the final budget, acknowledging that the work being done was not deterring functionality and that the municipality might be moving toward a one municipal administration facility after a recommendation in a facilities report by WalterFedy.

Additionally, a funding request for a geocaching trip was removed, as well as a consultant fee looking into changing the structure of council and how a deputy mayor is chosen.

"I can't even imagine how much work goes into preparing this," said Councillor Cam McKenzie, who noted the length of the budget and said that in his five years on council he had never seen a major disagreement from council throughout the process.

## Sleeping in Cars to focus on youth

Nataly Mylan spoke to a second annual Sleeping in Cars event, hosted by Places for People, requesting that it be approved to be held outside the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce on March 27.

The one-night awareness and fundraising event, which was first held last year, takes place throughout the county with participants sleeping in their cars as people who are experiencing homelessness often do when housing or emergency accommodation options are limited.

Mylan said this year's event will have special emphasis on youth homelessness, which she said is not always seen in the form of people sleeping in public places, but which exists in the county. "There's a gap between youth and adult services that has been there for a long time and we're not able to offer youth a real alternative apart from couch surfing," she said.

## Bark Lake condo

Council approved a request by Century Lane Development Corporation for a two-year extension to the draft plan approval of a subdivision and condominium plan proposed along the southern shoreline of Bark Lake. The County of Haliburton granted draft approval to the plan in April 2016, and the owner was granted a one-year extension to the original draft approval in March 2019, that extension expiring on April 29, 2020.

According to a report from Chris Jones, planner, "The subdivision and condominium is comprised of 83 recreational lots as well as 11 condominium blocks which

provide for the common ownership of open space, roads, utilities and infrastructure and other shared-use buildings." The resolution in support of the request will be forwarded to the County of Haliburton.

## Outdoor rinks not in operation

In his report to council, Jim Alden, property supervisor, noted the outdoor rinks in Cardiff and Gooderham remain challenging to maintain, due to weather conditions and availability of volunteers. "With the fluctuating temperatures over the Christmas holidays, it was impossible to maintain suitable ice at either of the outdoor rinks," he reported. "Due to the weather and a lack in volunteers, neither outdoor rink is being maintained this season."

## Arena positive review

Alden also praised staff within the property and parks department after arena attendants received positive comments during a novice hockey tournament held at the arena on the first week in February.

"The arena attendants received some positive comments about the facility during the weekend, people remarked that for an arena in the middle of 'nowhere,' it's a nice facility, having good ice, being very clean and well maintained," he reported. "There were also praises for the arena attendants for keeping busy and on the go doing things."

In 2019, there were 446.50 hours of ice time rentals at Keith Tallman Memorial Arena, compared to 271.50 hours in 2018.

# Haliburton Forest's Poker Run raises \$20,000 for Dysart Fire Department

What a stellar weekend. Mother Nature could not have been kinder. Snow Friday, cold temperatures Saturday, Feb. 8 and even more snow Sunday!

The 31st annual Haliburton Forest Poker Run drew more than 600 participants, who helped to raise \$20,000 for the Haliburton Firefighters Association, helping them to purchase equipment that in turn keeps them safe and their rescues efficient.

In the past they have purchased gear such as the Jaws of Life, rescue boats, snowmobiles, and trailers, as well as essentials such as rescue ropes.

This is the most participants the Forest has hosted in more than 10 years.

Various factors came into play leading to the increase in participants, but none as important as word is spread-

ing that this is a great event to raise funds for the Haliburton Fire Services, which is an extremely important service within our community.

Community support has grown astronomically over the last two years with many local businesses running the checkpoints, donating prizes and spreading the word.

There was a year where we hit 700 or more participants. The last few years have been around the 400 mark.

Cambridge couple Lloyd and Sandi Gogo drew the winning hand, which was



the second last hand dealt of the day. They drew a full house: three queens and pair of twos to win a snowmobile. The couple was extremely happy and were over the moon to be bringing home a new sled.

This event would not have been possible without the great help of our community and incredible prize donors.

Mark your calendars! Next year's Poker Run will be Saturday, Feb. 6. Visit Haliburton Forest on Facebook to see more photos.

*Submitted by Haliburton Forest Wild Life Reserve general manager Tegan Legge*



More than 600 riders participated in the Haliburton Forest Poker Run on Saturday, Feb. 8. The record number of people in 10 years helped to raise \$20,000 for the local fire department. /Submitted by Tegan Legge.

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# Rural connectivity should be priority: Schmale

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

More than just bacon and scrambled eggs was served at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce breakfast on Feb. 11 at West Guilford's Medeba.

Chamber Connection featured keynote speaker Jamie Schmale, Member of Parliament of Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock, who met with members, faced questions and heard comments about internet connectivity, issues with the Canada Revenue Agency, how government regulations hinder small businesses, insurance concerns, the local economy, the cost of living, housing and how changing the national building code would bring higher standards and greater energy efficiency. Schmale also talked about his role as shadow minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations.

Jennifer Locke, the chamber's executive director, led the event and asked Schmale questions related to concerns by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, followed by questions and comments from the audience. Among the most discussed: taxes, connectivity, liability and standard of living.

Locke asked Schmale if he would support an audit of the Canada Revenue Agency to improve its service, particularly for small business owners. Schmale agreed, sharing his own frustrations.

"Most of the work that my constituency office does is because of problems with the Canada Revenue Agency," he said.

Schmale said the CRA is long overdue for a "top to bottom review on their operations."



MP for Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes - Brock Jamie Schmale speaks with participants of the Chamber Connection breakfast held on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Medeba in West Guilford. Organized by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, the event allowed members to hear from Schmale and ask him questions. /DARREN LUM Staff

Locke said the Canadian Chamber is asking all federal parties to commit to having a Royal Commission review of the federal tax system guided by the principles of competitiveness, simplicity and fairness.

"If I had my way and I were king, you would have a flat tax at least on the federal level and make it very simple for you," he said.

A review like this would require five to seven years, he said.

Locke asked about the likelihood of a

review and Schmale said "On one side of the aisle I don't know, but on the other side it's being talked about."

Plenty of concerns were raised about internet access for the area including high-speed connectivity, its availability, effectiveness and its high price, owed to lack of competition, some said.

Schmale acknowledged the challenges of connectivity and admitted he didn't know the technicalities pertaining to rural access.

Schmale thought the federal govern-

ment lost an opportunity to ensure rural Canada was part of any planning for connectivity when it auctioned off parts of spectrum – a radio frequency delivering wireless services. He said it should have been rented with stipulations, prioritizing rural areas.

"If you had a heritage building, you wouldn't sell off that heritage building. You would rent it. What if we said to these companies we'll auction off the spectrum, but you won't get to keep it. You rent it from us, but as a promise of this rental agreement rural connectivity has to be a priority or a key point in that," he said.

He said with 5G technology you will be able to download a high definition film within seconds (now it takes several minutes), and it is expected to power autonomous driving vehicles and farm equipment.

"The power the 5G has is something that I don't think many people, including myself, can just grasp so if we don't even have 4G (we're not even talking 5G, which includes a lot more infrastructure) some reports have said that rural areas could have in the future going forward a recessionary type [of] growth and that's pretty scary," he said, adding he wouldn't let that happen. "So, that is why it is so important to change this conversation on let's just knock off spectrum or walk away and hope it gets done or come up with a plan years down the road. Let's change the way we're doing things a bit and ensure that rural parts and that connectivity to areas such as ours ... becomes a priority rather than an after-thought."

He said HCDC, the County of Halibur-

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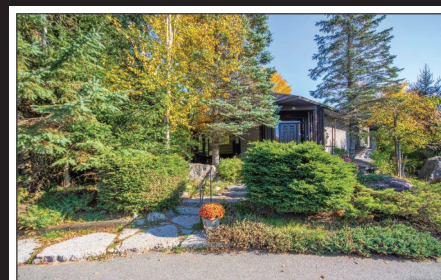
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# Patience wears thin when other areas are better connected

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ton and its municipalities are working to keep rural communities connected.

Locke asked what people can do to ensure rural communities are in line for better connectivity.

"The conversation obviously needs to happen on a grassroots level, but also that's something I advocate for on your behalf. I'm on the right track, but I know everyone is being patient, but at some point your patience wears out, especially when you see areas not too far from us having better service and [not having the connectivity] is hampering your enjoyment of life or the growth of your business. Once 5G happens and you don't have internet, it's going to remain challenging," he said.

Connectivity affects communities other ways too, he said, pointing to the importance of internet in attracting doctors and other professionals.

Another area of concern for businesses was raised by Keith Thomas of Thomas Contracting, who is considering getting out of snow removal in light of liability concerns with the increasing complications of insurance coverage. Currently, a person who claims personal injury caused by snow or ice against an occupier, an independent contractor employed by the occupier, or landlord, has up to two years to submit a claim. Thomas said documents in that time can be lost or discarded, making it challenging.

Schmale said this could change. Private member's Bill 118, Occupiers' Liability Amendment Act, brought forward by Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP Norm Miller, will reduce that to only 10 days. Schmale said it has wide support and he encourages people to send emails of support.

"If you are able to send an email to Laurie Scott or Norm Miller and let them know that you are supportive of this as small business owners that does help them," he said.

Thomas said the paperwork required by insurance companies is much greater than it used to be despite never making a claim. He believes there will be just one company that does all the snow removal or there will be cash transactions.

At the conclusion of the event, Locke reminded the audience of chamber members about nominating people for the upcoming 14th annual Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Gala on April 4 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. Nominations will be open until March 2.

New this year will be an after-gala party to be held in the lower level of the Legion.



Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce's executive director Jennifer Locke, left, led the conversation with MP Jamie Schmale on Feb. 11 at Medeba in West Guilford. Locke presented questions on behalf of the chamber before opening the floor for comments from the audience.



MP Jamie Schmale addresses a question at the chamber breakfast last week. The event included discussion on affordability, taxation, and internet connectivity, among other things.



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# HE sets 'ambitious' GHG reduction targets

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Highlands East councillors opted to set a 2030 greenhouse gas emissions reduction target of 15 per cent from 2018 levels during a Feb. 11 council meeting, as part of a climate change mitigation plan the County of Haliburton is undertaking for itself and its four lower-tier townships.

A presentation that day from county climate change co-ordinator Corey McKay had recommended sector-specific targets: 15 to 20 per cent for buildings, 10 per cent for fleet and 10 per cent for waste.

"I think we can be more ambitious," said Councillor Suzanne Partridge.

In the Municipality of Highlands East, its corporate

emissions total 3,348 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent annually, which is about the same as 711 passenger cars driven each year, or the annual energy use from 401 homes. McKay said if the municipality simply ran "as usual," with an expected population growth of 9.12 per cent between 2018 to 2030, if no local action was taken, emissions were forecasted to rise by 10 per cent by 2030.

She said that 2030 would be the target year to reach the goal council had decided on, and that once targets were set, staff would come up with action plans to reach them.

"It gives us 10 years to implement projects and it's also close enough to get started right away," she said.

McKay explained the Partners for Climate Protection Program recommends a reduction target of 20 per cent over 10 years as ideal, but she told council she is recommending sector-specific targets to ensure progress doesn't only occur in the waste sector, which accounts for 79 per cent of Highlands East's greenhouse gas inventory. The Highlands East fleet accounted for 16 per cent of that inventory, while buildings accounted for five per cent.

McKay noted different factors to consider while looking at targets, including setting urgent but realistic targets, the municipality's degree of control over potential actions, impending changes in the municipality, and available budget.

"We need to take strong action on climate change and do as much as we can, at the same time we want to set targets we can actually reach," she told council.

McKay made note that major changes could be made in mitigating idling of municipal vehicles, which could result in a one to 10 per cent reduction, while downsizing the municipality's fleet or purchasing hybrid or electric vehicles instead would result in a 10 per cent reduction in gasoline. While she recommended a 10 per cent reduction of GHG in the waste sector, she said driving

change to reduce waste was important, recommending public education and initiatives on reduction and diversion, and that the municipality focus on waste from corporate buildings and facilities.

"It's going to be really difficult to reduce the waste sector, as was pointed out," said Partridge. "That's up to our residents, and we have been trying to educate them." Partridge noted the municipality had purchased composters for sale but that there hadn't been a big uptake. She recommended a reduction as high as 20 per cent in the fleet and building sectors.

Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall said he believed "we're not in a climate emergency, we're in a climate crisis," and said he believed that "regardless of how much you're moving forward, it beats going backwards."

"I'd like to be more ambitious," said Mayor Dave Burton. "I'd like to see 15 per cent."

"There's no reason not to set a goal at 15 per cent, and we work towards it," said Partridge. "People aren't always successful at achieving their goals, but if you don't set an ambitious goal then you're not going to do as well as you'd like to."

"To me, 15, 20, 10, they're all numbers ... they don't matter," said Ryall. "What matters is what we do."

He warned against chasing a number which he said could lead to forgetting the goal.

The selected greenhouse gas emission reduction target of 15 per cent will be included in the county's joint municipal climate change mitigation plan.

McKay was hired on a contract by the county to compile the climate change mitigation plan, and a starting point is the setting of reduction targets for the local governments. The upper tier of the county is aiming to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions from its corporate operations by 15 per cent by 2030.

*With files from Chad Ingram*



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Council, at their February 25, 2020 meeting, will be considering the following fee changes:

- By-law No. 2018-22 – Fees By-law – Schedule A – Administrative Fees and Charges is being amended to include changes to Permission to Use Road Allowance Applications and Compliance Letters.

At the same meeting, Council will be adopting a new By-law to Prescribe a Tariff of Fees for the Processing of Applications made in Respect of Planning Matters based on the recommendations approved by Council at the January 28, 2020 meeting. By-law 2014-25 will be repealed.

Further information on these fee changes will be available on the website.

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The Municipality of Dysart et al is inviting tender submissions for the supply of one double cab single wheel one-ton truck with internal dump box.

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### SUPPLY OF BULK PROPANE 4 Year Contract June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2024

The Municipality of Dysart et al is seeking tender submissions for the supply of bulk propane. Quotations must be received on or before 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

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The Municipality of Dysart et al is seeking tender submissions for the supply of clear diesel fuel and furnace oil.

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## Happy trails

Rotary Club of Haliburton president Brian Nash, left at front, presents a \$2,500 cheque to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's secretary Sheila Ziman and chairperson Mary-Lou Gerstl. At back, fellow Rotarians Jim Joseph, Kevin Des Roches, David Zillstra, Ted Brandon, Maureen O'Hara and Irv Handler joined for the presentation. The money helps the land trust enhance the new trail system in its recently acquired 500-acre property, the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. The land for the reserve was donated by Leopoldina and Margaret Dobzensky and is located only a few minutes from downtown Haliburton. Gerstl said the plan is to open the reserve this coming spring. / DARREN LUM Staff

# Dress up for prom or grad at no-cost shop

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

If you're looking for that killer dress or dashing suit to look your best and impress your dance partner at an upcoming graduation or prom, come to St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden in April where you'll have access to a multitude of formal options at the Make Dreams Come True event.

Started six years ago by Jenn Abbott and Nancy Lowes, the community initiative helps youth find everything they would want to complete their formal look for a Grade 8 graduation or a prom. The free one-stop shop includes everything for participants from head to toe, covering haircuts, offering dresses, shoes, suits, shirts and ties, including tailoring.

There will be events held every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., starting early-April held weekly until June.

Abbott has loved being able to help youth over the years and wanted to remind people of the program's return despite moving from the Castle Antiques location.

"I'm just spreading the word to make people aware of what we are offering," she said.

Keep up to date with the community initiative by following Make Dreams Come True on Facebook.

Although Lowes is not part of the community initiative anymore, Abbott is keeping Make Dreams Come True going.

"I kept it going because I enjoy doing it," she said.

Community support and donations from local businesses have made the initiative possible.

New business support includes Courtney Barnum (Bruce's Barbershop), Traditional Barber, Amy's Makeup Designs and Aesthetics, and Sew What.

Abbott appreciates the ongoing support from area businesses such as Spa in the Highlands, Chantel Smith Photography, Wind in the Willows, Touch of Class, Remedy Rx, Pharmasave, Rexall and Todd's Independent.

"If people are interested in what we're doing they can join," she said.

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# Hawks spikers seize opportunity with victory, advance to playoffs

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Competing was a win unto itself for the senior Hawks volleyball team even before they stepped onto the court against the Titans of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School on Feb. 12 in Lindsay for a Kawartha Championship play-off qualifier.

Last week, Haliburton Highlands Secondary coaches had told their players athletic seasons were over (unless games

were after or outside school hours) as a result of the school board’s cancellation of extracurriculars during school hours. This week that bad news was supplanted with good news.

Days before the Kawartha qualifier, coach Steve Smith sent a message outlining the efforts of the teachers and coaches to keep sports going.

“As long as we don’t disrupt the classroom with classroom teachers/coaches being able to go,” he said. “There have been many teachers, administrators and retired teachers called to make this happen.”

As a result, the junior and senior volleyball teams and senior basketball team competed last week. More calls were being made for other sports.

The team took the opportunity and went undefeated (4-0) on the day in qualifying matches against the Titans (27-25 and 25-11) and then the Brock Bulldogs (25-14 and 25-20) to earn their berth to the Kawartha Championship playoffs.

When the coaches Steve Smith and Michelle Backus told their players about being able to finish the season, there was elation.

“The girls were totally excited and over the moon when we told them about the possibility of them finishing off their season. There was a lot of cheering, yelling and a few tears. We have half of our team who are seniors who graduate this year and we are so happy for them being able to finish off their season,” Smith wrote in a message to the *Echo*. “They all are excited about being able to represent their school and themselves next week at Kawarthas. They really appreciate the sacrifice of the staff who put so much time

into them both in the classroom and on the court. This group of athletes is special to our coaching staff and we look forward to the rest of the playoffs.”

Teams like the senior volleyball team had continued to practice in order to be prepared for the outside chance of being able to play again. Although the Hawks started slowly, the undefeated record was proof of their preparation.

“The girls came out sluggish after being out of competition since the board decisions caused some ‘wrinkles,’ which led to their last tournament being cancelled,” Smith said. “They battled back and forth with St. Thomas in their first set [and were] finally triumphant 27-25. After a brief debrief they came back stronger to win 25-11. They then went head-to-head with Brock right after [playing] St. Thomas. They were a little down on themselves but rebounded with a good start, finishing the first set 25-14. Then they allowed Brock back into the second set, but then finished them off 25-20. This puts them in first in the west along with Brock who finished second.”

Smith expects the Hawks to play this week against Port Hope, the second place school from south and north central. Kenner finished first and will play against Brock.

## Also advancing

The junior Hawks, who are coached by Dan Gimmon and Janice Scheffee, also advanced to the Kawartha Championships with a second place behind Brock. Retired teacher Judi Paul went instead of Scheffee to enable the trip, as a faculty member is required to go.

*With files from Steve Smith*

— Coach Steve Smith

“*The girls were totally excited and over the moon when we told them about the possibility of them finishing off their season.*”



## COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

**AND FURTHER THAT** at its meeting to be held **Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-005/19  
Applicant: Lyle Donaldson  
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 16, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Harcourt, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.  
Nature of the Application: Lot addition – change of conditions
2. File No. H-024/19  
Applicant: Jean Henderson  
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 10, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Guilford, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.  
Nature of the Application: To permit a lot addition to abutting lands
3. File No. H-025/19  
Applicant: Marc Tetreault  
Location of the Property: Lot 14, Plan 608, Geographic Township of Havelock, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.  
Nature of the Application: To grant an easement for access to a Hydro One transformer
4. File No. H-003/20  
Applicant: Larry and Rosemary Dekkema  
Location of the Property: Lot 14, Plan 330, Geographic Township of Harburn, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.  
Nature of the Application: To permit a lot addition to abutting lands

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 18th day of February, 2020.

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## NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

**DATE:** February 25, 2020  
**TIME:** Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.  
**LOCATION:** Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.  
**APPLICATIONS:** The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has, by resolution, declared the following parcels of land to be surplus.

Applicant: Blackborow and Rogers  
Location: 1056 Chicory Drive – Koshlong Lake  
Part of Original Road Allowance For Chicory Drive, Between The Townships of Dysart and Glamorgan in Front of Lot 10, geographic Township of Dysart defined as Part 1, on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Greg Bishop Surveying and Consulting Ltd. dated June 3, 2019.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portion of road allowance described above

**BEFORE PASSING** the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

**DATED** at the Township of Dysart, this 11th day of February, 2020.

Jeff Iles,  
Director of Planning and Land Information



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# Draft fireworks bylaw coming back to Highlands East council

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council support a similar fireworks bylaw set in place by Dysart et al municipality that was dividing the lake, with residents on the Dysart et al side of the lake being restricted in fireworks use and residents on the Highlands East part of the lake being able to use them.

Baughman was looking for direction from council, noting then that display fireworks are already strictly regulated by federal law, but consumer fireworks that can be purchased at stores are regulated by provincial law and can be set off by anyone over the age of 18. He said in thinking about a bylaw, should fireworks be restricted to certain days, determining which holidays the public can use fireworks could be challenging, and that enforcing a fireworks bylaw can be difficult.

At the Feb. 11 meeting, responding to councillors' direction to look into a restriction or ban, he provided three options to council: restrict the use of consumer fireworks to the holidays indicated in the draft bylaw which includes the weekend preceding the holiday and the weekend after for Canada Day; prohibit the use of consumer fireworks at any time in the municipality; or maintain the level of regulation that is already in place. To Baughman's knowledge, he said, there is not a total ban of fireworks anywhere in Ontario.

In researching the effect of fireworks on the environment, Baughman told council he had found "many studies have been done and their findings published with conflicting reports for both the good and the bad." He quoted an article in a Muskoka publication in which spokespersons with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry said that typical fireworks used by private individuals were "unlikely to result in concentrations of metals that would be harmful to aquatic life or affect drinking water," and that "the risk to drinking water from infrequent, small scale fireworks displays is low."



Kristen Boylan, Highlands East bylaw enforcement officer, speaks to council alongside acting fire chief Chris Baughman regarding a proposed fireworks bylaw. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Additionally, he said, "The MNR spokesperson said that while wildlife may disperse from an area for 'a short period of time due to loud noises such as fireworks ... there are likely no long-term negative effects associated with occasional fireworks throughout the year.'" Baughman said information about how to help calm domestic animals throughout the sounds of fireworks displays was available online.

While another article he found suggested "between 2009 and 2013, 129 fires and \$2.9 million in damages were connected to the use of fireworks," Baughman said to his knowledge, there has not been a response by the Highlands East Fire Department to a fire that could be confirmed to be caused by fireworks in recent years.

Reaching out to other municipalities, he told council, he was told that Oro-Medonte, Muskoka Lakes and Dysart et al had opted for a bylaw restricting use to set holiday weekends, while Minden Hills, Bancroft, Bracebridge and Algonquin Highlands include the restrictions in their noise bylaws and Gravenhurst does not have a fireworks bylaw, considered impossible to enforce with current staff-

ing.

Baughman again spoke to the challenges of enforcement.

"If a fireworks ban or restricted use bylaw were introduced, enforcement would be expected," he said. "Due to the nature of fireworks, if the complainant cannot pinpoint the property or the people responsible for setting off the fireworks, enforcement officers would not be in a position to issue a fine/penalty. When a complaint is received, bylaw enforcement would attend the location during operating hours. If evidence of fireworks could be identified (spent fireworks, admission of guilt) a penalty could be issued. If contested, it will be very difficult to prove who lit the fireworks or how long the spent casings have been there."

As a result, he recommended that public education and messaging regarding current restrictions and safe use may be more beneficial than the introduction of a bylaw.

Councillors discussed options for more than 40 minutes, with Councillor Cam McKenzie noting the topic was a controversial one. He said he had been surprised to see many responses to a short-term accommodations survey conducted last year showing concern for fireworks use.

Baughman said, as he has in the past, that after 11 p.m., fireworks use should be addressed by the noise bylaw or by police, saying he didn't want his fire department to show up to a party to enforce fireworks use, or instead not find the event in question and waste time driving around looking for fireworks that had long been set off.

Both McKenzie and Councillor Suzanne Partridge spoke to community events which use fireworks, including Cardiff's Light the Night, which Baughman said could be attended by someone on the fire department staff. Additionally, that some people celebrate milestone events with fireworks was raised, and a question of whether permits could be allowed for those occasions.

To McKenzie's concerns of how it

would be possible to enforce a bylaw, Baughman said it would be important for the public to be aware that it was possible the complaint wouldn't be investigated until the next day, when all evidence of fireworks use might be gone.

Bylaw enforcement officer Kristen Boylan, who worked in a similar position in Dysart when that municipality's fireworks bylaw was put in place last year, acknowledged that people with post-traumatic stress disorder might also be affected by fireworks use, and agreed that the bylaw is one that is difficult to enforce, but that having it in place offers people the opportunity to anticipate and plan for when the noise could occur.

Boylan said that she agreed there would be challenges in enforcing the bylaw, that there are challenges with any bylaw, but that the key was public education. She noted that in Dysart, people were "shaming" their neighbours if fireworks were used, and that those renting their cottages made extra effort to ensure visitors were aware of the restrictions, so much enforcement was being done by residents.

Partridge said she used to plan to be home for her dog during holiday weekends when fireworks were expected.

"Now it's to the point where it's every weekend ... it's happening all the time." She said she didn't think that special exemptions should be allowed, but rather just allowing for the specific holiday weekends to limit their use for those who are affected negatively by them.

Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall said he would be against a bylaw if council opted to not allow for a permit for special occasions, noting that "we all have different reasons for being here, we all have different interests."

Mayor Dave Burton and councillors Ruth Strong and Partridge voted in favour of the fireworks restriction, while McKenzie and Ryall, who had asked for the recorded vote, voted no, saying they would like to consider an option for a special occasion permit.

A draft bylaw will be brought back to council for discussion at a future meeting.





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# Red Hawks prepare for Knights at Kawartha final

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Even before the Red Hawks senior boys basketball team defeated the Rams of Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute 55-48 in the Kawartha Champion-

ship semi-final on Thursday, Feb. 13 to advance to the Central Ontario Secondary Schools Association championship, the players already felt like winners.

It was just last week coaches for most sports were telling athletes that seasons were done, as a result of the cancellation to extracurriculars for secondary schools

in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Ethan Glecoff, a Hawks basketball player and Grade 12 student, was happy when he learned his team's season would continue.

"For it being my last year of high school and thinking that I played my last game of Hal High ball against St. Thomas last Thursday, it was an amazing feeling to be able to get back on the court and play for a chance to go to COSSA. It was a great team effort to pull off the win against Kenner," he wrote in a text.

This was made possible by coaches enlisting retired teachers or administration staff to replace teacher coaches unable to leave class during school hours, or travel with coaches permitted to leave the school during school hours because they are not part of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

The effort to allow athletes to compete wasn't lost on students such as Glecoff.

"It just shows how much they love the sport and believe in us to keep our play-offs going. Me and the whole team would like to give our vice principal a huge shout out for stepping up to coach us in our game at Kenner. He took the day off from a very important role at the high school to coach us through our victory and he did an outstanding job," he wrote.

Coach Paul Longo said the team had their best practice of the season this past Wednesday.

"Really, really great energy. Things were clicking in practice. Boys were happy that they got another game. Just a great energy. Like I said [earlier], this has been a really wonderful group of guys for three years [dating back to the junior team]. We were talking about that. They deserve to go on. They've earned it. They've worked hard. They listen and are open to ... constructive criticism so I'm really happy for them that they get a chance to play a championship game," he said.

Although Longo (and co-coach Sam Little) did not coach the team Thursday afternoon, he learned the team played well, leading wire-to-wire.

At the half, the Hawks had a 10-point lead. The lead was down to six at one point, but never any closer. This was proof of the Hawks' strength of play, but the competitiveness of the game was a reflection of the Rams.

"Because they're a good team. They play hard and we were able to shut down their three-point shooting for ... I think they only hit three or maybe four? Normally they hit 10 to 15. They're a very good shooting team so really happy with that," he said.

A Rams guard scored a game high 34 points.

Longo was impressed by his team being

able to score 55 points against the zone defence employed all game by the Rams, which the Hawks had problems with in the past.

Hawks player James Alexander was a major factor to the team's success, Longo said.

Much of the season Alexander has played on the wing, but when he came off the bench to play at the five spot with Glecoff facing foul trouble, he played well defensively and also scored eight points. He "really, really stepped up." He brought tenacity and came through in the clutch, Longo said.

"That's great for him. A graduating student. I'm really happy for him. He's worked really hard all year," he said.

Leading the offence for the Hawks was big man Joe Boice with 19 points, followed by guards Brian Kim with 10 and Camden Marra with seven points.

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Longo said he was happy with this concerted effort for the current situation and for the past few years.

"Can't say enough about the help in the building. This is a great place to work. We take care of each other in this building and very happy that things are working out right now," he said.

This doesn't just apply to this year or only people in the school, but applies to people outside of the school for the past several years, particularly for the basketball program with help from Dan Lapierre, Andy Valickis and Gord Cochrane.

"Everybody has earned the respect of all the players ... it's a great thing to be part of."

## Junior Hawks end season in qualifier

Longo said the junior team won their first game 28-15, beating St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School on Thursday, Feb. 13. The team was without guard Jackson Wilson, who was out of the lineup because of a concussion from intramurals.

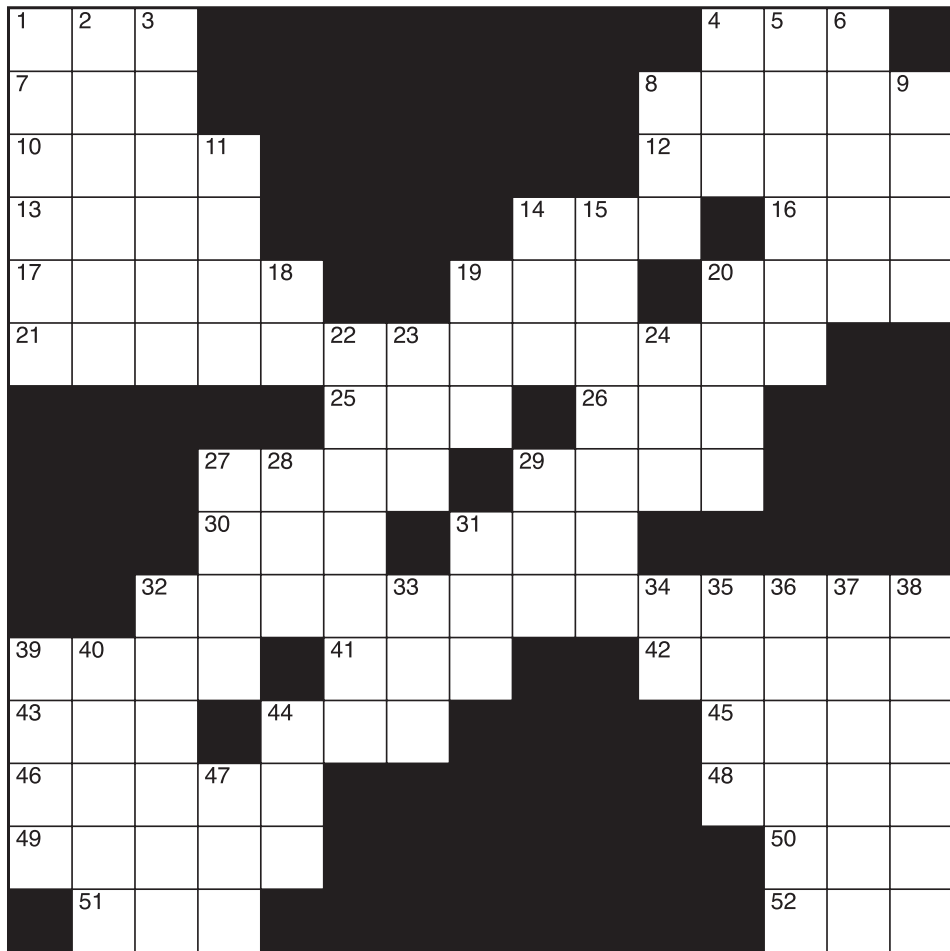
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### CLUES ACROSS

- Expression of disgust
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- A type of cooking range
- Grasp tightly
- Sea eagles
- Carb dish
- Late-night host
- Revolutions per minute
- Indicates odd or erroneous
- FDR's military chief of staff
- Swiss river
- Norwegian district and river
- A form of motivation
- Car mechanics group
- Once a must-have home theater accessory
- Broken branch
- Apple and pumpkin are two
- Skeletal muscle
- Small Eurasian deer
- Tight-lipped fellow
- Comes after a cut
- A place one lives
- Cognizant of

- Albanian monetary unit
- Carrot's partner
- Famed garden
- Chilean seaport
- Days (Spanish)
- Sudden anxiety
- 100 square meters
- A type of beer
- French/Belgian river

- Radioactive form of an element
- Catch a wrongdoer
- Breeze through
- Thick piece of something
- Yellowish-brown color
- "The Raven" poet
- Rural free delivery (abbr.)
- Creating
- Supervises flying
- Northwestern state
- Was obligated to repay
- Diverging in lines from a common center
- Bleak
- We all have them
- Hit with the palm of one's hand
- Sea that's part of the western Pacific
- Political action committee
- Famed Spanish soldier
- El \_\_\_

### CLUES DOWN

- Spanish dish
- Concurs
- \_\_\_ and her sisters
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Used to refer to cited works
- A state of excited movement
- Advertising term (abbr.)
- Nocturnal S. American rodent
- New York art district
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- Pre-release viewing
- Northwestern Canadian territory (abbr.)
- Consumed
- Falters

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Susan Cachia sent in a photo of this tree, its branches covered in snow, on the shore of Haliburton's Head Lake.

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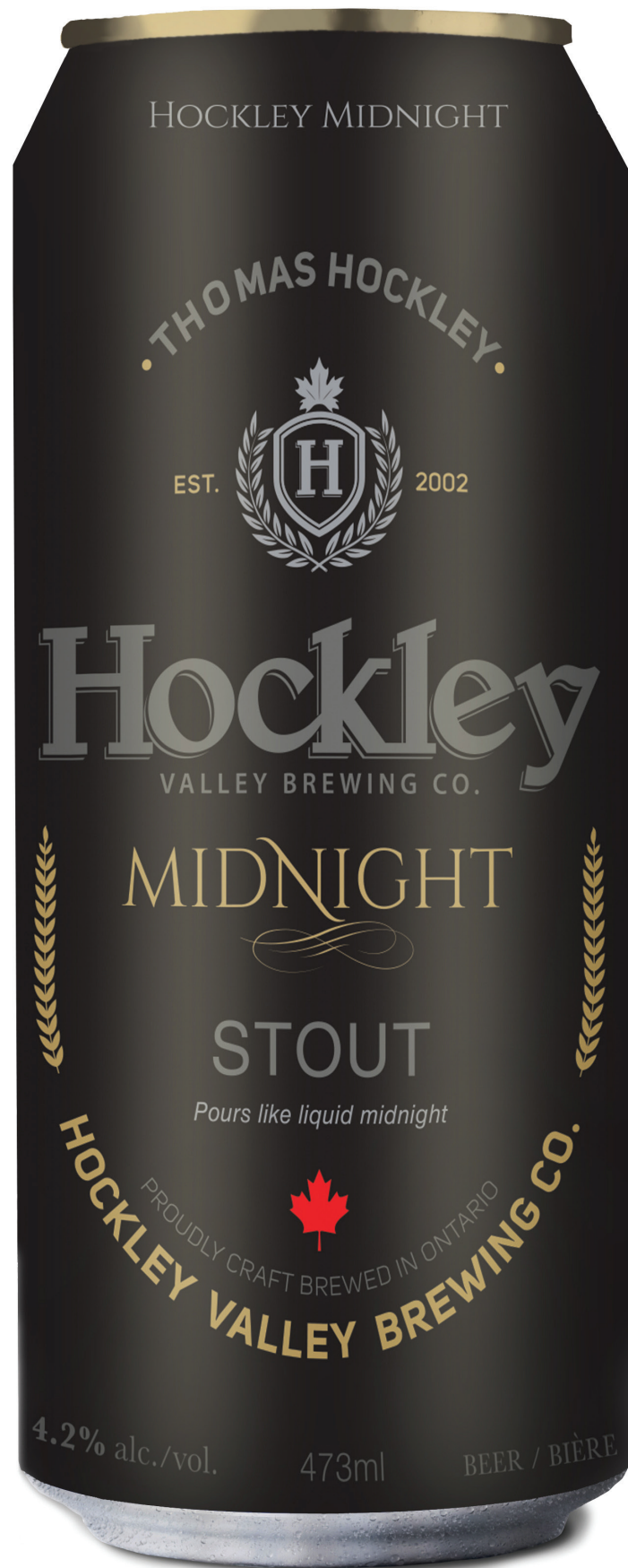
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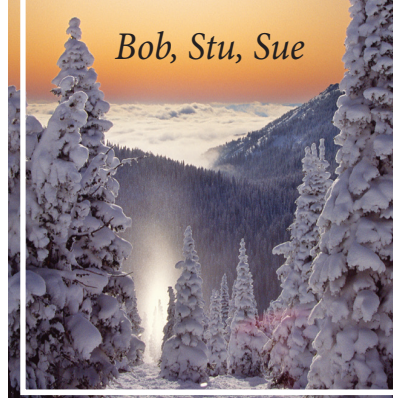


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*March 1920 – January 2020*

As a long time resident of Coleman Lake and the town of Haliburton, we sadly announce the peaceful passing of Dorothy Clements, January 31, 2020, at age 99.

Dorothy was the beloved wife of Norman Clements (1925-2010). Dorothy spent the last 10 years of her life in Pickering, Ontario

close to her beloved family. Dorothy loved her life in Haliburton and was a very active member of the Haliburton community, where she was a member and worked with the Catholic Women's League, the Hospital Auxiliary and the Eagle Lake Women's Association. She spent five years as the successful Coordinator for the Haliburton Home Show. She also found time to enjoy the fun of belonging to the Red Hat Society.

All in all, Dorothy had a wonderful life in Haliburton with her many friends. Much loved mother of Beverley Cooke (Hans Heller). Lovingly remembered by her granddaughters; Karen Fraser (Mike Stewart), Laurie Rilling and by her great grandchildren; Robert, Jeremy, Michael Rilling, and Mitchell, Maxwell Fraser-Stewart. Her niece Dorothy Smith and nephews Wayne and John (Kathy) Lynn.

*Expressions of condolence may be made at [www.aftercare.org](http://www.aftercare.org)*



*In Loving Memory of*

**David Savage Eastwood**

*Died peacefully in the Palliative Care Unit at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on February 9, 2020 after a short but heroic battle with cancer, at the age of 73.*

Beloved husband of Jane Taylor Eastwood. Proud father of Heather (Michael), Alex (Savannah), Meaghan (Morgan), grandfather of Fiona, Cameron and Rowan. Dear brother of Ann (Dean), Susan and predeceased by his twin sister Elizabeth. Fondly remembered by his cousin Joan (David) Gauthier and by all who knew him.

The entire family is most grateful to, and appreciative of, the medical and professional staff who were devoted over the last two months to David's care at home and in Bracebridge, Barrie, Huntsville and Minden ER. Our healthcare system is remarkable.

Private Cremation Arrangements. Memorial Donations to the Doctors Without Borders Canada would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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# Minister vows to fight for farmers

*Andy Mitchell drops  
by Haliburton to talk  
to Farm Council*

**MARTHA PERKINS**  
*Editor*

If Canada's agriculture industry is to survive, the Canadian government must help to create an environment that allows farmers to earn a living from their labours, the federal Minister of Agriculture told a receptive group of local farmers in Haliburton on Friday.

"If people can't earn a living they won't farm, and if they won't farm we'll have great difficulties," Andy Mitchell said at a special meeting of the Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Brock Farm Council spearheaded by MP Barry Devolin.

Yet Mitchell also stressed that you don't make rural Canada stronger by ignoring the needs and challenges of the country's urban centres.

"If Canada is to reach its potential, both rural and urban needs to be strong," he said.

Responding to criticism that the Liberal government's recent budget made only one reference to agriculture, Mitchell said, "As Minister of Agriculture, I'm the advocate for you folks. I don't necessarily win all the battles [but] I'll always be there, engaging in whatever battled needs to be waged. Rural Canada contributes significantly to what we are as a country."

Mitchell's message was gladly received by farmers such as Bruce Pearce, who has a cash crop farm near Sunderland. Earlier that day Pearce was carefully watching the stock prices for soybeans. When the price was right, he sold the yield from 719 acres for a profit of \$634. If he had sold two weeks ago, he

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DARREN LUM/Echo

## Provincial championships come to town

This team from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School - Madison MacInnes Bailey, Tom Nichol, Jonathan Murray and Shane Dibblee - was one of 55 teams to compete in the Timbits provincial junior curling championships in Haliburton and Wilberforce over the weekend. Another JDHES team made it to the finals. See details on page 13.

# Christian school looking for students

**TRUDY POGUE**

*Special to The Echo*

A small group of local parents is looking for 20 young people to be "oaks of righteousness." These students will be the first to attend Tall Oaks Christian Academy, which is planned to launch

this September in Haliburton.

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